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- (1) Response to Restriction Requirement

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING FLANGED ARTICLES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2006, Applicant, through their attorney, elects Group I consisting of claims 1-9, without traverse. Please cancel claims 10-17 without prejudice.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

A. Amendments to the Claims

B. Remarks


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